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SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" In 1945–46 and 1946–47 none were imported in the Madras Presidency. Is it correct?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" No oil engines were imported by the department."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" Into the Presidency?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Sir, the Department of Agricultural Engineering began only in 1946. There was no opportunity to import these in those years when there was no department."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" How many oil engines were imported into the Presidency altogether?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" That is an information which I have not collected."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" On that will depend whether irrigation requirements are supplied to the full extent and if not, I would like to know why it should be given for non-irrigation purposes?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Those figures are not available because I have only called for those figures after the Agricultural Engineering department began to work and the department was not working in those years."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" May I request the Hon. Minister now at least to call for those figures?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I shall call for the information and supply it, Sir."

Motion picture reels on agriculture.

* 215 Q.—SRI R. RAMAKRISHNIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government are aware that there are motion picture reels on Agriculture obtainable from " The Motion Picture Service ", Office of Information, U.S. Department of Agriculture in America, if so, whether the Government propose to get them and carry on propaganda for the " Grow More Food Campaign?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The answers to both the points are in the affirmative."

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* USE OF TEAR GAS ON THE STRIKERS.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member, Farookhi Sahib Bahadur, has given notice of an adjournment motion about the use of tear gas and lathi charge yesterday. Has the Hon. Minister to state anything on the matter?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Well, Sir. I have no specific information on this subject. Hon. Members of this House know that Section 144 was promulgated in the City and therefore if there was any disobedience of that order naturally people in charge of keeping order would have to resort to methods necessary for enforcing section 144. That is all I could say at the present time."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Does the Hon. Minister expect to say something more in the course of the day? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I have no information and I do not know when I shall get it and it may not be before the House rises to-day."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" I should like to assure the Hon. Home Minister, Sir, that I have not the least intention of embarrassing the Government or creating difficulties in the way of solving the problems which face them. My only object was to get information as to what the real state of affairs was and why this happened and whether the Hon. Minister would be in a position to give some more information. If the Hon. Minister will be pleased to give information after some time or issue a press communiqué, we shall be pleased and shall be thankful to him. I do not want at this stage to embarrass either the Hon. the Home Minister or this House or your goodself . . ."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I have nothing to do with the matter." (Laughter.)

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" I want to request, Sir, that if any further information can be supplied, we shall feel very thankful to the Hon. the Home Minister."

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Mr. President, Sir, the argument put forward by the Hon. Minister is very very flimsy. I should say this because even about such occurrences in far off districts information could be obtained by telegram. This is an occurrence in the City itself. He can very well telephone to the persons who are responsible for the maintenance of peace and have a talk with them, if not personally at least over the telephone and the information can be obtained even now before the House rises."

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Well, Sir, I am afraid the hon. Gentleman is very much mistaken. It is not so easy to get all the information. The Commissioner may not have been present when this happened. He has got to get the information from his officers and it won't be so easy to obtain as the hon. Gentleman thinks."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The Hon. Minister has no objection; if he gets the information, he will give it to the House."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" If they cannot get it before the House rises, they can issue a press communiqué."